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1. After consulting with CAB and discussing Ortona suggestion (see reftel) with interested US carriers, Department on May 7 informed Italian Embassy that USG accepted proposal to enlarge informal diplomatic talks on civil aviation to include General Santini and Ing Venturini of Alitalia. It was understood that if Santini and Venturini participate, Member Minetti of CAB and ATA observer (Mr. Landry) would also be included in talks. Since Mr. Solomon will be away from Washington part of next week and Mr. Minetti engaged in other consultations, and since Amb Ortona will be in Rome May 18 to 21, earliest possible time for talks will be around May 23. We understand Santini plans be in Moscow toward end of May.

2. Italian Embassy cabling Rome to inquire when Santini will be available for Washington talks.

3. On May 7 Italian Embassy gave Department memorandum setting forth Italian observations on US route evaluation methods. Copy of Itali memorandum being airpouched to Embassy.

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